

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** Beastiality.mov

**Other known title(s):** Video 2

**OFLC ref:** 2000163.001

**Medium:** Video File

**Maker:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

**Classification:** Objectionable.

**Excisions:** No excisions recommended

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 23 July 2020

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 23 July 2020

	<b>Components</b>	<b>Running time</b>
<b>Timed component(s):</b>	Beastiality.mov	0:18
<b>Total running time:</b>		0:18

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality under s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. It is obviously intended to be sexually arousing to those who have an interest in sexual activity with animals, or in women involved in sexual acts with animals and normalises and encourages this interest. Therefore the video promotes and supports bestiality. The digital format means that it can be easily shared among likeminded people and the website branding on the video indicates that this has already happened. The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention to prevent the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.